

Routing of heavy, through traffic also presents problems, as will be discussed in more detail under the section on the street system. A major cross-country highway (US 321) enters town from the southeast, splits the main part of town and the central business district, then leads out to the north. Needless to say, this greatly affects the local traffic patterns and safety for both vehicles and pedestrians. Coupled with few parking lots and limited on-street parking due to the volume of traffic, the through traffic is particularly damaging to the "heart" of Maiden and must be changed before the central business district can be improved to any great extent.

Another problem that is obvious from the survey is the lack of parks and recreation areas in the Maiden vicinity. Excluding school playgrounds, there are only some 80 acres of recreational land in the planning area, and this is largely the private golf course south of town in Study Area 3. There is a mill-owned baseball park in Study Area 1 and a swimming pool in Study Area 2; the only area for picnicking being a small area near a drive-in restaurant on US 321 as it enters the southeastern part of town (this is also private).

Fortunately, most of the problems here are on a fairly small scale due to the small amount (about 16%) of the total land in the planning area that is now developed. Hopefully, the present planning efforts by officials and concerned citizens will correct most of these problems, and will prevent occurrence of the same mistakes in the future.